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| NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:                                  | CF Global Trading, LLC a   | nd Subsidiaries  | OFFICIAL USE ONLY             |  |  |
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|   | B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIF  | ICATION  |                               |  |  |
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# OATH OR AFFIRMATION

| I, John Gerli  | , swear (or affirm) that, to the best of  |
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| my knowledge and belief the accompanying finan-<br>CF Global Trading, LLC and Subsidiaries   | cial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of   |
| of December 31,  | , as , 20_10 , are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that   |
| classified solely as that of a customer, except as fo  | principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account   |
| No exceptions  |   |
| ROSEMARIE P. KROL  |   |
| NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK   |   |
| No. 01KR6127319  | /Signature  |
| QUALIFIED IN NASSAU COUNTY   |   |
| MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAY 23, 2013   | Managing Partner Title  |
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|  | ies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audi   |
|  | tin portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).   |



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2010



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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members CF Global Trading, LLC

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statement of financial condition of CF Global Trading, LLC and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2010 that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated statement of financial condition presents fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of CF Global Trading, LLC and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2010 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

New York, New York February 24, 2011

Eisner Amper LLP

# Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2010

# **ASSETS**

| Cash and cash equivalents Due from brokers Securities owned, at fair value Fixed assets - net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$2,749,106 Research credits receivable Other | \$ 7,348,900<br>6,787,805<br>1,024,654<br>730,386<br>1,042,108<br> |
|---|--|
| LIABILITIES  Accounts payable and accrued expenses Research credits payable Due to brokers  | \$ 17,991,233<br>\$ 3,535,516<br>1,404,318                         |
| Deferred rent payable   | 876,430<br><u>167,962</u>  |

Commitments and contingencies

MEMBERS' CAPITAL 12,007,007

\$ 17,991,233

5,984,226

Notes to Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2010

#### NOTE A - NATURE OF BUSINESS

CF Global Trading, LLC (the "Parent"), a Delaware limited liability company, was organized on April 18, 2000. The Parent is a registered broker-dealer and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"). The Parent was organized for the principal purpose of engaging in international securities brokerage business and acts as an agency or introducing broker for institutional customers. It clears all transactions through other broker-dealers on a fully disclosed basis. The Parent shall continue for an indefinite time, as allowed for in the Amended Limited Liability Company Agreement (the "Agreement").

#### NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

# [1] Principles of consolidation:

The consolidated statement of financial condition of CF Global Trading, LLC and subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company") include the accounts of CF Global Trading, LLC and its wholly owned subsidiaries, CF Global (HK) Limited, incorporated in Hong Kong, and CF Global Trading (UK) Limited, incorporated in the United Kingdom. Comprehensive loss relates to foreign exchange losses due to consolidation with non-U.S. entities. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

### [2] Cash and cash equivalents:

The Company considers money market funds and all investment instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

## [3] Due from/to brokers:

The amounts due from/to brokers consist of cash balances and overdraft balances and the net of receivables and payables for unsettled trades. Interest expense was charged on overdraft positions that existed during the year. At December 31, 2010, there were aggregate overdraft balances of \$508,940.

#### [4] Translation of foreign currencies:

At December 31, 2010, recorded balances that are denominated in foreign currencies are translated to reflect the year-end exchange rate. Assets and liabilities of foreign subsidiaries are translated into U.S. dollars at the year-end rate of exchange. Revenues and expenses of foreign subsidiaries are translated into U.S. dollars at the average rates of exchange for the year. The resultant translation adjustment is classified as other comprehensive loss, a component of members' capital.

# [5] Securities valuation:

The Company carries its investments at fair value. Fair value is an estimate of the exit price, representing the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants (i.e., the exit price at the measurement date). Fair value measurements are not adjusted for transaction costs. A fair value hierarchy that consists of three levels is used to prioritize inputs to fair value valuation techniques:

- Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 Inputs other than quoted market prices that are observable, either directly or indirectly, and reasonably available. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability and are developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Company.

Notes to Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2010

# NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

## [5] Securities valuation: (continued)

Level 3 Unobservable inputs. Unobservable inputs reflect the assumptions that the members develop based on available information about what market participants would use in valuing the asset or liability.

An asset's or liability's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Availability of observable inputs can vary and is affected by a variety of factors. The members use judgment in determining fair value of assets and liabilities and Level 3 assets and liabilities involve greater judgment than Level 1 or Level 2 assets or liabilities.

The Company held common stock of publicly traded entities which are classified within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. Securities positions that are listed on securities exchanges or listed on the NASDAQ National Market are valued at the last reported sales price on the primary securities exchanges on the last business day of the accounting period. If there are no sales on that day, they are valued at their closing bid prices.

Corporate bonds are classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. These positions are not traded in active markets or are subject to transfer restrictions and their valuations are based on available market or other indicative information.

Investments are classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy because they trade infrequently (or not at all) and therefore have little or no readily available pricing. Unobservable inputs are used to measure fair value to the extent that observable inputs are not available. The investments in investment funds, which are held by the Company's Hong Kong subsidiary, are classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

The values assigned to investments and any unrealized gains or losses reported are based on available information and do not necessarily represent amounts that might be realized if a ready market existed and such difference could be material. Furthermore, the ultimate realization of such amounts depends on future events and circumstances and, therefore, valuation estimates may differ from the value realized upon disposition of individual positions.

# [6] Depreciation and amortization:

Depreciation is provided using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets of five years for furniture, equipment and capitalized software. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the lesser of the economic useful life of the improvement or term of the lease, whichever is shorter.

#### [7] Income taxes:

The Company is subject to the New York City unincorporated business tax, which requires an add-back for members' compensation. The difference between the effective tax rate and statutory rate for Unincorporated Business Tax ("UBT") results from adjustments to book income for nondeductible expenses, foreign subsidiary income not included for New York City purposes, apportionment of taxable income between New York City and other locations and the add-back of members' guaranteed payments. The Company is also subject to income taxes from non-U.S. jurisdictions. Each member's applicable share of the Company's U.S. and state taxable income is reported on the member's individual income tax returns.

Tax laws are complex and subject to different interpretations by the taxpayer and taxing authorities. Significant judgment is required when evaluating tax positions and related uncertainties. Future events such as changes in tax legislation could require a provision for income taxes. Any such changes could significantly affect the amounts reported in the consolidated statement of operations.

# Notes to Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2010

## NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### [7] Income taxes: (continued)

There are currently no income tax returns under audit. With few exceptions, the Company is no longer subject to U.S. federal, state or local income tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 2007.

#### [8] Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated statement of financial condition. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### [9] Reclassification:

Certain 2009 amounts in the accompanying consolidated statement of financial condition have been reclassified to conform to the 2010 presentation.

#### NOTE C - FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS

The following are the Company's investments owned by level within the fair value hierarchy at December 31, 2010:

|   | Fair Value                | Fair Value<br>Hierarchy |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Assets: Common stock Corporate bonds Investment funds | \$ 207,038<br>643,383<br> | Level 2                 |
|   | <u>\$ 1,024,654</u>       |                         |

The following summarizes changes in fair value of the Fund's Level 3 assets and liabilities for the year ended December 31, 2010. The information reflects gains and losses for the full year for assets and liabilities categorized as Level 3 as of December 31, 2010. The information does not include gains or losses for assets and liabilities that were transferred out of Level 3 prior to December 31, 2010.

|   | Level 3<br>Investment<br>Funds   |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Balance - beginning of year Purchases of securities Proceeds from sales of securities Net realized and unrealized gains | \$ 470,930<br>5,433<br>(325,555) |
| on securities   | 23,425                           |
| Balance - end of year   | <u>\$ 174,233</u>                |
| Change in unrealized appreciation   | <u>\$ 12,892</u>                 |

# Notes to Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2010

# NOTE D - MEMBERS' CAPITAL

Income and losses are allocated among the members based on their participating percentages, as defined in the Agreement.

#### NOTE E - NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") uniform net capital rule (Rule 15c3-1), which requires that aggregate indebtedness, as defined, shall not exceed 15 times net capital, as defined. At December 31, 2010, the Company had net capital of \$3,459,235, which was \$3,209,235 in excess of its required net capital of \$250,000. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 1.01 to 1.

CF Global (HK) Limited is a securities dealer licensed by the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission, and was required to maintain liquid capital of \$384,615 as of December 31, 2010. As of December 31, 2010, CF Global (HK) Limited is in compliance with this requirement.

CF Global Trading (UK) Limited is a securities dealer licensed by the UK Financial Services Authority ("FSA"). Under the GENPRU and BIPRU sourcebooks of the FSA handbook, the Company is required to maintain the higher of: the Base Capital requirement, the Market Risk plus Credit Risk requirement or the Fixed Overhead Requirement, which at December 31, 2010 was \$934,695. As of December 31, 2010, CF Global Trading (UK) Limited is in compliance with this requirement.

The Company claims exemption from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 pursuant to paragraph (k)2(i) of such rule.

#### **NOTE F - FIXED ASSETS**

Fixed assets at December 31, 2010 are comprised of the following:

| Computer and office equipment Furniture and fixtures Leasehold improvements Capitalized software | \$ 1,327,578<br>406,644<br>965,967<br>779,303 |
|--|---|
| Total cost   | 3,479,492                                     |
| Less accumulated depreciation  | (2,749,106)                                   |
| Fixed assets   | \$ 730,386                                    |

# Notes to Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2010

#### **NOTE G - COMMITMENTS**

Year Ending

The Company occupies office space under various noncancelable operating leases with terms expiring through 2014. Minimum rental commitments under noncancelable leases are as follows:

| December 31, |           |           |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| 2011         | \$        | 1,025,892 |
| 2012         |           | 827,042   |
| 2013         |           | 492,895   |
| 2014         | -         | 75,083    |
|              | <u>\$</u> | 2,420,912 |

Deferred rent payable was \$167,962 at December 31, 2010. The deferred rent is being amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the applicable leases.

#### **NOTE H - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

During 2010, the Company, in the ordinary course of business, received commissions from one entity with an affiliated member totaling \$100,255.

#### NOTE I - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISKS

In the normal course of its business, the Company trades various financial instruments and enters into various financial transactions where the risk of potential loss due to market risk, credit risk, and other risks can equal or exceed the related amounts recorded. The success of any investment activity is influenced by general economic conditions that may affect the level and volatility of equity prices, credit spreads, interest rates, and the extent and timing of investor participation in the markets for both equities and interest rate sensitive investments. Unexpected volatility or illiquidity in the markets could impair the Company's ability to carry out its business and could cause losses to be incurred.

Market risk represents the potential loss that can be caused by increases or decreases in the fair value of investments due to market fluctuations.

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value of an investment will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. Investments that are denominated in a non-U.S. currency are subject to the risk that the value of a particular currency will change in relation to one or more other currencies. Among the factors that may affect currency values are trade balances, the level of short-term interest rates, differences in relative values of similar assets in different currencies, long-term opportunities for investment and capital appreciation and political developments.

Credit risk represents the potential loss that would occur if counterparties fail to perform pursuant to the terms of their obligations. As a nonclearing broker, the Company has its customers' transactions cleared through other broker-dealers pursuant to clearance agreements. Nonperformance by its customers in fulfilling their contractual obligations pursuant to securities transactions with the clearing brokers may expose the Company to risk and potential loss.

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to raise funds to fulfill its commitments, including inability to sell investments quickly or at close to fair value.

Notes to Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2010

## NOTE I - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISKS (CONTINUED)

The net asset value of an investment company does not take into account the effect of factors such as an investment company's lock up and withdrawal policies, management, incentive and other fee structures, liquidity and current fair value of side-pocket investments, unfunded obligations and capital commitments. An investment company's funding may be subject to various conditions and/or approval rights. Under certain circumstances, withdrawals from an investment fund may be limited or suspended (in whole or in part) as deemed necessary by the fund's investment manager. Substantial requests for withdrawals from an investment company could cause the investment company to liquidate positions sooner than would otherwise be desirable which could adversely affect the performance of the investment company. In addition, regardless of the period of time in which withdrawals occur, the resulting reduction in an investment company's net assets could make it more difficult for an investment company to diversify its holdings and achieve its investment objectives.

The clearing and depository operations of the Company's investment transactions are provided by one broker. At December 31, 2010, primarily all of the securities owned and due from brokers reflected in the consolidated statement of financial condition are positions with and amounts due from this broker. Securities owned are subject to margin requirements.

#### NOTE J - RECONCILIATION OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO FORM X-17A-5

The accompanying consolidated statement of financial condition as of December 31, 2010 is prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and differs from the accounting prescribed by the SEC's general instructions to Form X-17A-5 under which certain subsidiaries may not be consolidated.

A reconciliation of amounts reported herein by the Company to amounts reported by the Company on the unaudited Form X-17A-5 Part II filed with the SEC is as follows:

|                                 | Part II Form<br>X-17A-5 | Subsidiaries<br>Consolidated | Eliminations          | Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| ASSETS                          |                         |                              |                       |   |
| Cash and cash equivalents       | \$ 2,597,646            | \$ 4,751,254                 |                       | \$ 7,348,900                                  |
| Due from brokers                | 5,955,159               | 832,646                      |                       | 6,787,805                                     |
| Securities owned, at fair value | 850,421                 | 174,233                      |                       | 1,024,654                                     |
| Fixed assets, net               | 364,663                 | 365,723                      |                       | 730,386                                       |
| Investments in subsidiaries     | 5,773,220               |                              | \$ (5,773,220)        | 0   |
| Due from Parent                 |                         | 1,010,074                    | (1,010,074)           | 0   |
| Research credits receivable     | 1,042,108               |                              |                       | 1,042,108                                     |
| Other                           | <u>372,465</u>          | 684,915                      |                       | 1,057,380                                     |
|                                 | <u>\$ 16,955,682</u>    | <u>\$ 7,818,845</u>          | <u>\$ (6,783,294)</u> | <u>\$ 17,991,233</u>                          |

Notes to Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2010

NOTE J - RECONCILIATION OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO FORM X-17A-5 (CONTINUED)

|  | Part II Form<br>X-17A-5                                     | Subsidiaries<br>Consolidated              | Eliminations          | Consolidated<br>Statement of<br>Financial<br>Condition |
|--|---|---|-----------------------|--|
| LIABILITIES  Accounts payable and accrued expenses Research credits payable Due to subsidiaries Due to brokers Deferred rent payable | \$ 1,638,731<br>1,345,601<br>1,010,074<br>870,662<br>83,607 | \$ 1,896,785<br>58,717<br>5,768<br>84,355 | \$ (1,010,074)        | \$ 3,535,516<br>1,404,318<br>0<br>876,430<br>167,962   |
|  | 4,948,675   | 2,045,625                                 | (1,010,074)           | 5,984,226  |
| MEMBERS' CAPITAL   | 12,007,007  | 5,773,220                                 | (5,773,220)           | 12,007,007   |
|  | <u>\$ 16,955,682</u>  | \$ 7,818,845                              | <u>\$ (6,783,294)</u> | <u>\$ 17,991,233</u>                                   |

# **NOTE K - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The members have evaluated events through February 24, 2011, the date that this consolidated statement of financial condition was available to be issued.